FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Beef Cattle Short Course

The Annual Beef Cattle Short Course will be held at VPI, March 6, 7 and 8, beginning at 1 o'clock on the 6th, and closing at noon on the 8th. All beef-cattle men in Appomatox County who are interested in improving their herds, should attempt to make this trip. The registration fee is $5.00. Applications for registration should go in to Mr. C. C. Mast by February 25th. Application forms with the program outlined are being mailed to each beef cattle producer in Appomattox County.

DHIA Supervisor's Training

There is a considerable turn-over in DHIA supervisors each year. It is expected that in 1956, there will be a number of positions open. Young men interested in this type of work should plan to attend the DHIA Supervisor's Training Course March 5 through 16. Those interested may like to pick up an application form from the County Agent's Office, entitled, "I Want to be a DHIA Supervisor." Those interested may secure preliminary matehematic quizzess from the the Dairy Department at VPI.

Soil Testing

If you have not taken soil samples from the fields that will be put in tobacco, corn and alfalfa this year, you may be making a mistake in the fertilizer you select for the different fields.

Taking of a soil sample rcquires only a few minutes, yet, it may mean many dollars next fall. To fertilize without a soil test is to do so not knowing what fertilizer materials are present in the soil and in what quantity. There is no charge for making a soil test and those sending in soil samples now will get their return results much quicker than they will later in the season. Many farmers wait until the last minute to send in a soil sample and because of the rush it is difficult to get the results as quickly as they would like.

If you have not taken soil tests for the different crops on your farm this year, plan to do so in the next several weeks. They should be be taken when the soil is in good plowing condition. For pasture land, a sample from one to two inches is sufficient, however, where alfalfa or other row crops are being grown, the sampe should be from one to six inches deep.

Pasture Seeding

The time is rapidly approaching when many farmers in Appomattox County will be seeding pastures. To produce top quality pastures there are several steps that need to be followed:

1. Soil testing.— This should be done well before time of seeding in order that adequate amounts of lime may be secured and spread. Since the time required for lime to begin reacting in the soil is usually longer than for fertilizer, it should be applied at least thirty days before seeding.

2. Fertilizer.— Select amounts and analysis of fertilizers as a result of the soil test. On heavy soils in a high state of cultivation, 800 to 1,000 pounds of 2-12-12 will be needed. On poor soils additional phosphate or potach may be needed. If additional phosphate or potash is necessary it should be applied and plowed under before seeding.

3. Application of Fertilizer.— the encouragement of a deep root growth is important especially during summers of dry weather. To encourage this, plow down one-half the fertilizer used. The remaining half should be spread and harrowed in just prior to seeding, then rolled to secure a firm seed bed.

4. Seed Selection. —For cattle and sheep use a mixture of 2 pounds of certified ladino clover, 8 to 10 pounds of Virginia grown orchard grass, or certified Kentucky 21 fescue. Many farmers are turning to the use of 3 pounds of red clover and/or 5 to 8 pounds of a certified Atlantic, Williamsburg, or Buffalo alfalfa. This increases the yield especially during the first and second year. Prior to seeding all legume seeds should be innoculated.

5. Planting should be made between the 15th of February and the 15th of March.

Broiler Production Contracts

Many farmers in Appomattox County will need to make some adjustments in their farming activities and poultry may be one of the several ways of doing it. The following article is an explanation by one of the Agricultural Economists at VPI of a new type contract now available from most feed dealers. It is referred to as a Production Efficiency Contract and has many advantages over those now in present use.

"Economist John T. Buck explains that several financing arrangements have been developed whereby all or part of the risk involved is shared with the feed dealer. Most of the financing plans, however, offer little or no incentive to growers to produce more efficiently, particularly when the market price is at or below cash cost of production.

"Broiler growers are concerned with two major risks—the risk of unusually high mortality, and the risk of unusually low market prices. Because of these risks, growers have generally been either unable or unwilling to finance their own broiler operations.

Dr. Buck has outlined a "production efficiency" contract, which he believes would assure the good grower some inocme throughout the efficiency, and help to minimize swings in production and in market prices.

In order to encourage growers to continue efficient production during times when the market price of broilers goes below cash production costs, the dealer would pay the grower at least 1¢ a pound (1-2 of the grower's estimated non - cash costs). At all market prices above total costs of production (around 22 1-4¢, according to Dr. Buck's estimates) the grower would receive 2¢ per pound to cover his non-cash costs, plus a share of the proceeds above total production costs.

The dealer would receive a major share of the net proceeds above total production costs in order to recover losses taken when market prices were below cash production costs. As long as the market price was less than 6¢ above total cash costs, the grower would receive 2½ per cent and the dealer 75 per cent of the net proceeds above total production costs. At all market prices 6¢ or more above total cash costs, the proceeds above total production costs would be divided equally between the grower and the dealer.

Dr. Buck has worked out payment schedules based on the plan, and further details are available from him at the Deaatment of Agricultural Economics, at V. P. I., Blacksburg."

HER REASON

Lake George, N. Y.—Stopping a woman for driving 60 miles per hour in the village, Sergt. William O'Riley of the Police Department says the woman explained: "Well my tires are bad, and I just wanted to get hme before they give out."

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Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, Feb. 7.- Mrs. Mary Ferguson and daughter, Miss Lucille Ferguson and her son, Mr. Carl Ferguson attended the funeral of Mr. Will Ferguson in Richmond Saturday.

Miss Betty Hackley, of Amissville, Va., spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. E. F. Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Wilkerson and Mr. and Mrs. Melva Pettinger, of Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Al Kawalsky and children, and Kenneth Baldwin, all of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baldwin, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Carol Layne and children, all were visiting relatives here during the week-end.

Mr. Walter Hubbard, of Richmond spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hubbard.

Little Roy Allen Tolley was the Sunday dinner guest of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Milliner.

Mrs. M. M. Shelton is a patient in Memorial Hospital in Lynchburg.

Miss Inez Garrison, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Robert Garrison.

Mr. and Mrss. Jess Payne and family visited Mr. Gather Staton, who is a patient in Southside Hospital, Saturday.

Charlie Baldwin, who has been very sick, is better at this writing.

Mrs. Dillard Ferguson entertained a number of friends at a demonstration party Saturday afternoon. About twenty guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Price and children were visiting in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Roberts, Mr. Walter Richardson and Mr. Hunter Tolley spent the week-end in West Virginia with relatives.

Mrs. Jess Payne, Feb. 10.

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Heart Fund Sunday' Will Be eld In Appomattox Feb. 26

w Holland, chairman for Appattox County of the Heart ... calls attention to the apching "Heart Fund Sunday." released the folloging statee about heart diseases:

Heart and circulatory diseases 1954, the latest year for which statistics are available, caus- 773,980 deaths — or 52.8 per of all deaths at all ages.

In the same year, the next five ing causes of death were can- 236,903; accidents, 91,680; monia, 40,950; diabetes, 24,- kidney disease, 17,660 — a of 411,720 deaths.

Approximately 10,000,000 per- in the United States, or 1 out every 16, suffer from some form heart and circulatory disease. A- 500,000 are children of school

The heart diseases are not pre- sarily an affliction of advanc- age. Thirty per cent of those died of cardiovascular disease 1954 were less than 65 years of

Main Causes of Heart Disease

hree disorders are responsible 90 per cent of all heart disease. are:

Atherosclerosis, a form of 'hard- g of the arteries' in which the lining of the arteries be- s hardened, narrowed and hened, setting the stage for a rt attack,' or damage to the , kidneys and other vital or-

High Blood Pressure, a condition ved to be the result of con- tion of the smallest arteries produces increased resistance blood flow. Atherosclerosis and blood pressure, singly or in combination, account for almost all 'strokes.'

"Rheumatic Fever, which is almost always preceded by 'strep' infection (usually in the throat) and is often followed by rheumatic heart disease.

Progress

"The exact mechanisms that cause hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure and rheumatic fever have yet to be discovered by medical science. But research has achieved notable advances over the heart diseases. Initial and recurrent attacks of rheumatic fever can be prevented in most cases with the aid of 'strep'-killing drugs. Bacterial infections of the heart, formerly almost 100% fatal, can be successfully treated in more than 70% of cases. New and improved drugs have been developed to lower blood pressure. Significant gains have been made in diagnosis, care and treatment of patients suffering from 'heart attack.'

Hopeful facts everybody should know:

1. Some forms of heart disease can be prevented, a few cured.
2. All heart cases can be cared for best if diagnosed early.
3. Almost every heart condition can be helped by proper treatment.
4. Most heart patients can keep on working—often at the same job.
5. Your "symptom" may not mean heart disease. Don't guess. See your doctor and be sure.

DEER KILL HERE WAS 89

It is understood that the total number of deer bagged in Appomattox County this season was 89. This was an increase over the 54 of last year.

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Blue Hornets Downed By Dan River

Due to the loss of three starters, two for disciplinary reasons, and one for injuries, the A. H. S. Blue Hornets were downed by Dan River, 64 31. High scorer for Appomattox was Bradley Babcock, with 8 points. In an earlier game this season Appomattox defeated Dan River.

In the girls tilt, Appomattox was routed by a score of 49 to 35. Evelyn Ferguson was high scorer for the game with 18 points.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Mrs. Evans' classroom 4-H Club met in January. Virginia Caldwell gave a demonstration on "Pressing Your Slacks or Skirts." Catherine Richardson gave a demonstration on "Good Posture." Winifred Nash gave a demonstration on "Care for Milk." The club was glad to have Mrs. B. G. Anderson and Mr. Bailey Wilkins as guests. The next meeting will be held February 9.

—Reporter: Carole Gilbert.

Colored Dots

There will be a Farmers meeting at Carver-Price High hSchool Wednesday, March 15, 1956. The meeting will start at 9:30 A. M., sharp and last until 12 noon. Social Security Law benefits will be discussed by Mr. Dinwiddie, District Manager of the Lynchburg office.

There will also be other speakers, chosen for your benefit, so come on Wednesday morning at 9:30 and plan to be on time. Further, be prepared to ask all questions concerning your Social Security problems.

—G. L. James, Farm Agent.

The public is invited to attend the public program given at the Carver-Price Highh School this Sunday at 4 P. M., by the Appomattox Unit of the Negro Organization Society of Virginia. The program will be highlighted by representatives from Richmond who will present plans to the community for holding its annual meeting here next fall. A special literary program will be given by members of the local high school chorus and the local Kings of Harmony.

A large crowd attended the first dess Singers of the Pleasant View Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7:30. The following musical groups assisted in the program: The Star Lights of Brookneal, the Harmonettes of Pamplin and the local Kings of Harmony. Mr. George Calloway, of the Kings of Harmony served as master of ceremony. Mrs. Louise Canada spoke on behalf of the Seven Wonders. The pastor of the church conducted devotionals and gave remarks. The offering was lifted by deacons Cornel Walker and deacon Canada and the church clerk, William Hancock.

Funeral services for the late Thomas Hill of the St. Andrew Church community were conducted from St. Andrew Baptist Church last Friday at 2:30 P. M., with the Rev. R. Q. Lawing officiating. The deceased was 58 years old. He was a member of the St. Andrew church. He is survived by the following: two daughters and one son, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, of Appomattox and Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, of Rolling Hill, Va., and Jessie Hill, of W. Chester, P-. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Mattie Coles, of Red House, Va., and 15 grand children and two great grandchildren.

The public is invited to hear the Kings of Harmony in a musical program at the St. Paul Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 7:30. The program is given for the benefit of the church.

News was received here Sunday morning of the death of Mrs. Badia Morgan, wife of the late Rev. Phillip Morgan, former pastor of the Springfield Baptist Church, in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Mary Marshall left Tuesday for Washington, D. C. to attend the funeral of her cousin, the late Mrs. Radie Morgan.

Miss Sergern, of the Carver faculty is sick at her home in Danville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Fleshman and family, of Norfolk, Va. spent the week-end here. Mrs. Fleshman will spend two weeks here with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Lawing while her husband is on a sea duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chilton were Sunday dinner guetas of deacon and Mrs. Henry Nowlin and family.

The Young Mr. James Franklin will preach at the Mount Zion Baptist Church at Red House this Sunday evening at 7:30.

Mrs. Franklin Jones and daughter spent the semester break here with her husband, Dr. Jones. While here she was the diner guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. James and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hamlet.

Miss Maxine Ferguson is spending some time in Washington, D. C.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Feb. 7.- Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cabaniss, of Brookneal, and Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Crews, of Nathalie visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bruce and family spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Eva Snowden, at Port Royal, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barlow and family, of Lynchburg, were supper guests Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett visited Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Inge, of Pamplin Sunday P. M.

Henry Simmons, of Georgia spent the week-end with his wife and daughter.

Mrs. David Garrette, of Washington, D. C., is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and sons, Richard and Donald, visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Davis and son Sunday P. M., at Farmville.

Mrs. James Evans spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Julian White and family, of Red House.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Austin spent Sunday in Lynchburg with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harvey and family.

Mr. Thomas E. Harvey spent the week-end with his wife and father.

A number from here attended the executive committee of the W. M. U. at Liberty Church Monday.

Mr. R. F. Harvey spent last week at Richmond with his children.

A number from here are attending the Associational Sunday School Training Course at Spring Creek Church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Paulette and son and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paulette and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harvey, of Richmond spent the week-end with his father, Mr. R. P. Harvey.

Rocks

Rocks, Feb. 6.- We were so thankful for the rain that has been falling for the last few days. Hope the wells will get back in shape.

Allen Franklin had charge of the Prayer Service on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin, of Appomattox were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge awhile one night last week.

Don't know if she groundhog saw his shadow Thursday or not.

Mrs. John Ranson was hostess to the Rocks Home Demonstration Club on Thursday night. She also gave the demonstration on Hush Puppies, Tuna Supreme and Prune Filled Bars.

Miss Bernice Harvey, of Spout Spring spent the week-end with Mrs. M. H. Marks and Mrs. Edward Ranson.

Audrey Dale Inge attended the birthday party given Arlene Paulette Thursday night near Evergreen.

Mary Willie Ranson spent Sunday with Eleanor Faye Ranson at Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children were visiting Mrs. Ranson's mother, Mrs. T. A. Foster, near Darlington Heights Sunday. Mrs. Foster recently returned from the Southside Hospital, Farmville.

David Almond, Mildred Tolley, and Louise Ranson are members of the Forensic Club at Appomattox High School, and are members in the casts in the three one-act plays which will be presented some time in February.

Rev. W. E. Donald preached a fine sermon here on Sunday night.

Robert Roach was selling tobacco recently.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson advised Congress that, if it acted quickly on the President's farm proposals, soil bank payments to farmers could begin by early summer.

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